(c) if so, the objectives and the present status of the said Project including allocation proposed to be made during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if not, the action taken by Government to protect the endangered sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) In West Bengal the Jaldapara Sanctuary, in the Catchment area of Teesta river is very occasionally damaged by flood whereas Mahananda Sanctuary is affected by rivers Mahananda and Teesta especially due to recent addition of areas of 7th and 10th mile ranges.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Allocation have not been earmarked to States during the IX Plan. However, following amount have been released during the last two years of the IX Plan to Bihar and West Bengal:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Bihar		West Bengal	
	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99
Development of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries	6.0	—	69.69	72.96
Eco-Development of Protected Areas	—	—	19.125	22.49

(d) Does not arise.

Protection of Environment and Forests in the North East

2805. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated for protection of environment and forests in the North-Eastern Region on State-wise basis in the Ninth Five Years Plan; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken up during the period of the Ninth Five Year Plan to save from the Wanton destruction of forests products in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The State-wise allocation for protection of environment and forests in the North Eastern Region during the Ninth Five Year Plan is given in the enclosed statements (*See* below).

(b) A number of schemes such as Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project. Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project. Non Timber Forest Produce Tree and Pasture Seed Development Scheme. Biosphere Reserves Wet lands conservation project etc. are being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the Ninth Five Year Plan in North Eastern Region to save forests.

Statement

(Rs. lakhs)

Name of the State	Amount allocated in IX Plan
Arunachal Pradesh	431.18
Assam	1444.91
Manipur	2869.94
Meghalaya	228.44
Mizoram	1854.79
Nagaland	133.57
Tripura	1020.83
TOTAL	7983.66